

## PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: GAME APPARATUS, GAME IMAGE  
PREPARATION METHOD AND  
INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUMR E S P O N S ECommissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002, for which a 3 month extension of time is requested, to extend the period for response to March 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please add new claims 10-12 as follows:

10. The game apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, said image preparing unit is adapted to selectively prepare different ones of said plurality of viewpoints at different times for a same selected portion of said predetermined course.

11. The game image preparation method according to claim 8, wherein said preparing step further comprises selectively preparing different ones of said plurality of viewpoints at